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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Douglas M. BLAIR

Appln. No.: 09/881,234

Filing Date: June 14, 2001

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE DATABASE
COMPARISON**

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Examiner: Smith, C.

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Response to the Office Action of February 13, 2003; and
2. Petition for Extension of Time, including check for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) of \$205.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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